

CONCORDIA

STINGERS

Jan. 20, 2003

Women's soccer team to play national program players in Lachine

The Concordia Stingers women's soccer team will play a group of elite players from the Centre Nationale de Haute Performance (CNHP) at the Catalogna Soccerplex at 775 1st Ave. in Lachine on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The CNHP is a program run jointly by the Quebec Soccer Federation and the Canadian Soccer Association. Its goal is to provide training for top players who have been identified as possible national team candidates. A coach from the national team will be on hand to evaluate the talent.

A complete Stingers squad, including all-stars Jerusha Osborne, Shannon Ransom, Ingrid Dubuc and Valerie Desjardins will participate.

Players to watch on the CNHP side include Myriam Gousse of the Lac St. Louis Lakers and Caroline Vaillancourt. Both were members of the Canadian team that won a silver medal at the Under-19 World Cup late last summer.

"Playing this game is part of my ongoing plan to upgrade the quality of Concordia women's soccer," says head coach Jorge Sanchez. "It gives us a chance to play against the best youth players in Quebec and to measure our abilities and progress. It will allow our players to face a better calibre of soccer than they are used to."

The Stingers enjoyed their best season in more than a decade. With a 7-4-3 Quebec conference record, the team was above .500 for the first time since 1993. Concordia defeated the McGill Martlets 1-0 in the semifinals before losing 2-0 to the Laval Rouge et Or in the QSSF championship. The semifinal victory over McGill gave the Stingers their first playoff victory since 1991.

Hockey Stingers take McGill game to Pierrefonds

The heated hockey battle between the Concordia Stingers and the McGill Redmen will make a stop in Pierrefonds on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The long-time rivals will meet at the Pierrefonds Sportsplexe 4 Glaces, 14700 Pierrefonds, Blvd., and the proceeds from the game will go to Pierrefonds Minor Hockey.

"It's good for us because we have a large student base in the West Island," says Stinger head coach Kevin Figsby. "We also have a large number of players in our program from the West Island. I think it's great that Concordia and McGill can work together to help minor hockey."

Figsby will be joined on the Stingers bench by assistants Peter Bender, the long-time John Abbott College coach, and Gord Donnelly, the former Quebec Nordique.

Several Concordia players have West Island connections. Pat Theriault (Dorval), Derek Legault (Kirkland), Joey D'Amico (Lachine) and Mathieu Lendick (Ile Bizard) all played for the Lac St. Louis Midget AAA Lions. Also, Sean Tilley's hockey career includes stops with North Shore hockey and John Abbott.

The Stingers (6-9-1) and Redmen (12-3-2) have met twice this season. On Oct. 13, Concordia defeated McGill 4-2, while the Redmen prevailed by a 3-2 scored on Oct. 27.

Tickets for the game are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be sold at the door.

Concordia cagers defeat No. 3-ranked team

The Concordia men's basketball team enjoyed a very successful weekend with two key victories, including a 73-64 win over the No. 3-ranked Laval Rouge et Or in Ste. Foy, Que., last Saturday.

The unranked Stingers took a 31-22 lead in the first half and held steady. Rookie Patrick Perrotte was instrumental in leading the charge. He scored 19 points and added seven rebounds. Veteran Gavin Musgrave chipped in with 13 points, while captain Dan Lacasse had 10 points. The biggest difference was free throw percentage with Concordia completing 21 of 29 for 72.4 per cent, while Laval was just 13 of 26 and 50 per cent.

At home last Friday, Concordia defeated McGill 96-86. Rastko Popovic was the big scorer with 26 points.

Concordia started the new year with an 0-3 record but the team has rolled up three straight victories in January. The wins last weekend give the Stingers a solid 3-3 record and second place in the Quebec conference.

Concordia hosts Laval this Friday and then travels to Lennoxville, Que., to play the Bishop's Gaiters on Saturday. The men play at 8 p.m., while the women's team will tip off at 6 p.m.

Concordia Athletes of the Week

Dominique Rancour of the women's hockey team and **Patrick Perrotte** of the men's basketball team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Jan. 19.

Rancour, a tenacious second-year centre, scored two goals – including the game-winner – in Concordia's 6-3 victory over the No. 7-ranked Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks on Sunday. The Charlesbourg, Que., native is a human relations major.

Perrotte, a native of Verdun, Que., scored 19 points and collected seven rebounds in Concordia's impressive 73-64 victory over the No. 3-ranked Laval Rouge et Or last Saturday. He also chipped in 11 points and four rebounds in the Stingers 96-86 win over the McGill Redmen last Friday. He is a first-year leisure science major.

Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 24

Women's Basketball	Laval vs. Concordia	6 p.m.
Men's Basketball	Laval vs. Concordia	8 p.m.
Men's Hockey	McGill vs. Concordia (game played in Pierrefonds)	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Women's Soccer	CNHP vs. Concordia (game at Catalonga in Lachine)	5 p.m.
Women's Hockey	Concordia @ Carleton	noon
Women's Basketball	Concordia @ Bishop's	6 p.m.
Men's Basketball	Concordia @ Bishop's	8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26

Women's Hockey	UQTR vs. Concordia	2:45 p.m.
Men's Hockey	Concordia @ Ottawa	2 p.m.

Men's Hockey (6-9-1 in OUA, 10-12-2 overall)

Jan. 17	UQTR Patriotes 8 Chris Page Patrice Roy David Comeau	Concordia Stingers 3 1 goal, 1 assist 1 goal 1 goal
Jan. 19	Ottawa Gee-Gees 4 Sebastien Roy Sean Tilley	Concordia Stingers 2 1 goal, 1 assist 1 goal

Women's Hockey (8-5 in QSSF, 13-6-1 overall, ranked No. 5 in CIS)

Jan. 19	Concordia Stingers 6 M.C. Allard Kendra McDonald Dominique Rancour Anouk Grignon-l'Anglais	Laurier Golden Hawks 3 1 goal, 2 assists 1 goal, 2 assists 2 goals 1 goal
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Men's Basketball (3-3 in QSSF, 8-8 overall)

Jan. 17	Concordia Stingers 96 Rastko Popovic Phil Langlois	McGill Redmen 86 26 points, 2 rebounds 14 points, 6 rebounds
Jan. 18	Concordia Stingers 73 Patrick Perrotte Gavin Musgrave	Bishop's Gaiters 64 19 points, 7 rebounds 13 points, 6 rebounds

Women's Basketball (3-3 in QSSF, 7-10 overall)

Jan. 17	Concordia Stingers 58 Rosie Douglas Pascale Morin	McGill Martlets 53 12 points, 3 rebounds 12 points, 1 rebound
Jan. 19	Laval Rouge et Or 56 Pascale Morin	Concordia Stingers 45 17 points, 5 steals

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